



2023 DAN STEWART BEDC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Professional development is at the core of NCEDA's mission, and continuing education is vital to the career success of practitioners at all levels. As the economic development process becomes more collaborative, visible, and technically complex, leaders in our field must strive to keep skills, knowledge, and credentials up to date. The NCEDA Foundation is excited to open an additional application period for the **Dan Stewart BEDC Scholarship** due to high demand for the course, and NCEDA's steadfast support of professional development for North Carolina's economic development community:

- **Dan Stewart BEDC Scholarship**, which pays \$670 for tuition, plus reimbursement for all travel, lodging, meal, and ancillary expenses, to attend the one-week Basic Economic Development Course held annually at UNC Chapel Hill.
Estimated Value per Scholarship: \$1,600 (tuition + additional expenses)

NCEDA SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

NCEDA scholarships are intended to support professional advancement by removing financial barriers to accessing professional development opportunities. The primary criteria for selection will be demonstrated financial need, with some focus on distressed areas in North Carolina, followed by a demonstrated strong desire for ongoing professional development to bolster a successful career in economic development. A third element will be the presentation of the application itself.

ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS CONFIDENTIAL.

Financial Need

Given the vast differences among organizations, budget structures and funding levels, it is difficult to impose a single "one size fits all" criteria to determine need. The key is articulating your case as factually and effectively as necessary to demonstrate and document financial need.

Professional Development

Successful applicants are typically those who demonstrate or express a long-term professional and personal interest in an economic development career. Demonstrate convincingly your career path in the profession (past, present and future) and how the program for which you are applying fits into that vision.

Application Presentation

Be it to clients, boards or communities, economic developers make their living making presentations. Consider this application exercise good practice. Is the information complete and easy to read? Is it well organized and attractively and creatively formatted? Most importantly, does it effectively tell your story? Supporting documentation or letters of recommendation are helpful.

Other Criteria

- Applicants must be residents of and work in North Carolina.
- Applicants **must be members of NCEDA** for duration of the program.
- Recipients must be committed to complete all course work.
- Although scholarships reimburse tuition, travel and other expenses, recipients will be responsible for any and all expenses not covered by the scholarship, if applicable.

Submission Instructions

Submit application package as an electronic file to liz@nceda.org. **Applications are due on or before 5 pm on Friday, June 9.** Please contact Liz at 888.246.2332 with any questions or if you do not receive confirmation of receipt. The scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the Annual Conference in June.



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Applicant Information

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Professional Development Information

Job Title: _____

How long in current position? _____ How long in EconDev? _____

Percentage of time spent in economic development activity: _____

List any activities, memberships, awards, etc., in or related to economic development:

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Please provide the following additional information:

Describe current duties. (attach separate sheet)

Share previous employment history and educational information (attach resume)

What benefits do you hope to derive from attending the course/program of the scholarship for which you are applying? (attach separate sheet)

State your case. Please provide additional information using documentation, letters, etc., that best describe your need. (attach separate sheet)

Financial Information

Employer Organization Type and Description (attach separate sheet if necessary)

100% Public

100% Private Nonprofit

100% Private For-Profit

Public-Private Partnership

Other (please describe) _____

Total Budget for ED Program: \$_____ Last FY Budget: \$_____

Current FY Budget: \$_____ Projected Next FY Budget: \$_____

Describe source of funds for economic development program / staff (use additional sheet if needed):

Have you made arrangements to cover additional expenses if applicable? Yes No

Applicant Certification

Applicant resides and works in North Carolina; is a current member of NCEDA; will complete course if selected and has approval for additional costs associated with attendance.

Required Applicant Signature: _____

Signature of supervisor approving participation in the course/program for which you are applying:

Signature: _____

Organization: _____

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